Whereas, Michael "Mike" Keathley, a sixth-generation Missourian, has distinguished himself in a variety of ways and means since being appointed as Commissioner of the Office of Administration by Governor Matt Blunt in January 2005; and

Whereas, as Commissioner of the Office of Administration and former Administrator of the Missouri Senate, Mike Keathley has proven himself to be a tireless and effective public servant, employing his considerable business and management expertise for the benefit of the State of Missouri; and

Whereas, Mike Keathley has promoted fiscal responsibility in government and saved the taxpayers of Missouri millions of dollars through reductions in operating costs of the Office of Administration, without sacrificing services, responsible debt management, the consolidation of state agencies within owned and leased facilities, execution of the state's first Energy Performance Contract, improvement of state vehicle fleet management, a statewide inventory and assessment of state real estate holdings; and

Whereas, Mike Keathley has worked to reduce energy costs by executing the state's first Energy Performance contract, developing standards for a real time energy management program, implementing a land fill gas operation to reduce utilities at correctional institutions, exploring bio-mass opportunities at southeastern Missouri correctional institutions; and

Whereas, Mike Keathley has sought to increase efficiency in government by eliminating wasteful duplication, leading efforts to consolidate Information Technology staff and funding across state agencies, combining facilities management and construction oversight, and proceeding with phased internal consolidation of state agency mail operations; and

Whereas, in addition to his work for the State, Mike Keathley has worked nineteen years for IXL Manufacturing Company in Bernie, Missouri, and four years for US Industries; and

Whereas, Mike Keathley has served his community as a member of the Board of Directors of the American Hardware Manufacturers Association; President of the Hickory Handle Association; Vice President of the Southeast Missouri Council and Executive Board of the Greater Saint Louis Area Council, Boy Scouts of America; Chairman of the Nature Conservancy of Missouri; President, Interim Administrator and Member of the Board of Directors of the Dexter Memorial Hospital; and a member of the Administrative Board of the First United Methodist Church of Dexter; and

Whereas, Mike Keathley and his wife, Julie, are the proud parents of two sons and active residents of the communities of Jefferson City and Dexter, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, the State of Missouri is a much better place due to the involvement, work and leadership of Mike Keathley, whose energy, enthusiasm and knowledge are unparalleled in state government:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our gratitude and commendation to Mike Keathley on the superlative work he has given to the great State of Missouri so generously and so well; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Commissioner Michael Keathley.

Offered by

Representative Nathan D. Cooper, Dist. No. 158
Representative Gayle Kingery, Dist. No. 154
Representative Scott A. Lipke, Dist. No. 157
Representative Billy Pat Wright, Dist. No. 159
Representative Ellen Brandom, Dist. No. 160
Representative Steve Hodges, Dist. No. 161
Representative Terry Swinger, Dist. No. 162

Representative Thomas Todd, Dist. No. 163

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3795, adopted May 17, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker